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Dear Mr. Makris:

The enclosed EPA Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) report for the Bluewater Uranium Mine Sites, Prewitt, Navajo Nation, New Mexico, has been reviewed. In accordance with Region IX-Mainland Regional Response Team procedures, the U.S. Coast Guard Co-Chair coordinated the RRT review of the report.

I received one letter (enclosure (2)) from Mr. Gilbert Saulter, Federal OSHA, Albuquerque Area Regional Administrator. The letter outlines Federal OSHA responsibilities when dealing with Federal employees and contractors on Federal premises engaged in hazardous waste operations.

From my perspective, the radiological assessment and response actions went very well considering that this was the first uranium mine site mitigation performed by Region IX. The cooperation demonstrated in determining the course of action was surprisingly smooth.

Overall the report was informative and thorough. The FOSC listed several sound recommendations for future uranium mine site response actions.

Sincerely,



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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard

Region IX-Mainland RRT Co-Chair

Encl: (1) EPA FOSC Report for the Bluewater Mine Site, Prewitt,  
Navajo Nation, New Mexico 11 Aug 91 - 19 Sep 91  
(2) Federal OSHA ltr dtd 13 Jan 92

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